HINESE OFFICIALS.

eir Positions Only So Long s It Suits the Pleasure of of the Crown.

principle hold which the Pe overnment has over the provin fficials is the right of appoint and dismissal. All officials hold ffice during the pleasure of the , and can be dismissed at any with or without reason assigned. nstance has been known of an l, however highly placed, re g to lay down office and hand the seals to his successor at the ng of the emperor or empress power, it should seem, is suf ent to insure prompt obedience to y orders from the court, but it checked by the fact that the suc ssor to a viceroy or governor so emoved must be selected from among he regular members of the civil serv e, who are all imbued with the same aditions of government and the me bureaucratic spirit. The crown as never ventured to put into high fice a mere creature of its own one who has not regularly entered service by some recognized chan nel and risen through the ranks. Such an attempt would undoubtedly raise a storm of indigntaion throughout the whole of the country such as no government could face, says the London Saturday Review.

This leads us to say a word as to the mode in which the official ranks are recruited—a system which has perhaps as much as anything else contributed to the general stability and moderation of the government and prevented it from degenerating into a military dictatorship. Entrance to office is obtained, as is generally known, by a system of public examinations open to the humblest as well as the highest. Within recent years a certain number have been admitted by purchase, but only to junior rank. All practically have to begin at the foot of the ladder and work their way up, and all the high posts in the provinces and nearly all those in Peking are filled with men who have so risen. Admission is free to Manchus and Chinese alike and until recent years there has been no preference shown in selection.

HILLS MAKE MUSIC.

Curious Phenomenon That Occurs In the Sand Dunes Near Mafeking.

A few miles southwest of a little town which has become famous through the Boer war, Mafeking, lies a mountain of white sand. Perhaps I should say stands a mountain of white sand, but that would not be true. The sand rises, falls and shifts about and in so doing seem like

cano. The highest [illegible] in this locality is about 700 feet, and there are many hillocks round about. The whole neighborhood is, however constantly changing its appearance and where there may be a considerable hill to-day there may be a flat plain to-morrow. There seem to be periodic sand floods like those in the Arabian desert.

Many explanations of the cause of the music in the sands have been given but the most satisfactory is that of friction of the little particles of sand upon one another. As the sand rolls down a hum comes from the rubbing of the particles together. One can see the sand constantly rolling down the steep banks. At first the sound is like a strain of distant music coming through one of the cliffs near by. Then it seems like a continuous cathedral chord, very much like a solemn cathedral chant.

At times if you are standing on one of the little hillocks the sounds seem to come from a buried cloister under your feet. There is a mystery and enchantment about it all, a dead silence save for the music of the rolling sand is everywhere. It seems almost like sacrilege to break the spell that such conditions bring.

One strange thing about the shifting and falling of the sand is that it can go on for years as it does. In a short time the falling of the sand should reduce the hills to a level. No winds could heap up the sands in the forms in which they exist, and there seems to be no volcanic action. Yet these hills of sand shift about, rise and fall and make music an accompaniment of their queer operations. We are not yet able to pluck out the heart of their mystery.

He Died.

The scorcher had collided with a trolley car.

Four hours later, when his patient regained consciousness, the doctor remarked seriously: "I'm afraid it'll go hard with you, old man."

"Tell me the worst, doctor," feebly murmured the battered man; "I am brave enough to hear it."

"Your spine is injured so," said the doctor firmly, "that hereafter you will be forced to ride with upturned handlebars."

With a pitiful moan the poor scorcher again relapsed into insensibility.—Brooklyn Life.

Couldn't Stand the Change.

Lil' Lula (holding the baby)—Why don't [illegible] mammy wean dat baby? Mah [illegible] she done weaned dis heah chile long 'go.

Lil' Cordelia—Mah mammy she say when yo' wean a coon baby he wants 'possum an' watermelon an' chicken, an' she say hit's trouble 'nuff ter git milk. No, 'ndeed; she got expenses [illegible] now.—Judge.

Sure Sign.

Larry—Hooligan must ixpict thot fortune from th' ould counthre.

Denny—Phoy so?

"Becaus' he is too proud to wear rid flannils iny more."—Chicago Evening News.

JACKSON'S LIFE MENACED.

Incident Which Is Now Almost Forgotten Was First Attempt Against the Life of a President.

On March, 30, 1835, Gen. Jackson was attending the funeral of Warren R. Davis, a member of congress from South Carolina, at the capitol, and while walking in procession to take a carriage on the east front of the capitol he was approached by a man named Richard Lawrence, who presented a pistol within a few feet of him. The cap exploded, but did not ignite the charge. Lawrence threw the pistol away and drew another, which also missed fire. Gen. Jackson was on the arm of Mr. Woodbury, secretary of the treasury, but pursued the assassin with raised cane. Lieut. Gedney, of the navy, knocked Lawrence down and the friends of the president tried to restrain him, but he said: "Let me go, gentlemen; I am not afraid. They can't kill me. I can protect myself."

Lawrence was arrested, says the Washington Post, and arraigned before Judge Cranch, and committed. At the trial he behaved pretty much as Guiteau did, interrupting the proceedings and talking all the time, until the judge ordered him to be removed from the courtroom. A commission was appointed to examine into his condition of mind, and Dr Causin and Dr. Sewell reported him of unsound mind. He was committed to an insane asylum, where he lived for many years. There was an attempt made to involve some political adversaries of Gen. Jackson in this attempt on his life, but the examination and trial revealed nothing but that it was the act of a madman.

Gen. Jackson's escape from death was providential. The pistols were loaded very heavily, and after the arrest of Lawrence were fired, the caps exploding and igniting the powder readily in the pistol and sending the balls through several inches of plank. It was stated that Gen. Jackson said at the time that he knew where the attempt originated.

In May, 1833, when Jackson was on his way to Fredericksburg to lay the corner stone of the monument to the mother of Washington, he was seated in the cabin of the steamboat behind a table with Mrs. Thurston, the wife of Judge Thurston, his private secretary, Maj. Donaldson and Capt. Broome, of the marine corps. The general was reading and smoking his favorite pipe.

When the boat reached Alexandria a large number of citizens came aboard to pay their respects to the president, and with them was Randolph, who had been an officer in the [illegible] from which, for some reason, he [illegible] sed and was seeking

as if to address him, when he suddenly put out his hand toward the face of the president as though he intended slapping him in the face. Capt. Broome siezed him and drew him away, when Randolph's friends hurried him out of the cabin. The president was so confined in the seat behind the table that he could not rise. When it became known on the boat that an attempt had been made to pull the president's nose, for that was the intention of Randolph, the excitement was intense, and many of the crowd started in pursuit of Randolph. He was caught some distance from the boat, but was rescued his friends. Randolph had made threats against the president, and the old gentleman said that he had known it was Randolph he would have been prepared to defend himself.

RACING A SIDE ISSUE.

Henley Has Become One of England's Most Fashionable Houseboat Resorts.

Time was, and not so many years ago, either, when Henley was a small river gathering—a regatta in name and also in fact, and the very reverse of a society function. Nowadays Henley is a kind of rehearsal for Goodwood, with a little water, a little racing, and no betting. The banks almost from the Red Lion to Temple island, are lined with houseboats. The lawns from Fawley court to Greenlands seem to have emptied their garden party frocks on the river, says the London Daily News.

Curious crafts abound. A gondola from Hardwick looms black among the white flannels. A New Zealand dugout, with great mustard spoon paddles, forces its way by sheer dint of weight. A Canadian whaleboat gets clumsily through the crowd and collides with a sampan from Bourne End.

Houseboat life is, of course, the grandest way in which to do Henley. It is important, imposing and expensive. Members of the stock exchange revel in houseboats, many of which are fitted up with an extravagance of decoration that rivals the butterfly in gorgeous hues. It must be admitted that it is becoming more and more the fashion to ignore the racing at Henley. It has become quite a mere "side issue."

The cost of running a houseboat varies according to size and position on the course. You may have to pay anything from £50 to £200 for the bare rent for a week. What with food, servants, hire of boats, decorations, music and that elastic term sundries, the expense of entertaining your friends on a houseboat for the three Henley days may be anything from a hundred to a thousand pounds.

No Symptoms.

Isaacs—I t'ink Rosenthal vos going to fail again.

Cohen—I t'ink not. I choost met him, undt he vos in very low spirits.—Brooklyn Life.

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(Chancery A—231.)

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By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias, to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of September next, at 2 o'clock P. M., all that tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the borough of Glen Ridge (formerly in the township of Bloomfield), Essex County, New Jersey:

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